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1. Many Chinese and North Korean troops in the Wonsan area have diseases identified [] as typhus and smallpox. The symptoms of one are headaches, fever and aching joints; the symptoms of the other disease are described as large running skin sores, followed by a high fever. Approximately 60 percent of the troops in the Wonsan area have one of these diseases, but few civilians are affected. Many persons are dying and North Korean doctors are unable to cope with the epidemics. The North Korean government has evacuated civilians from a town at CU 895275 and has established a hospital there in forty confiscated houses. All civilian doctors in this area have been conscripted and all drugs confiscated, but no precautionary measures have been introduced to prevent the epidemics from spreading.
2. Most government and school buildings and factories in the Wonsan area have been destroyed by naval bombardment. Few civilians remain in Wonsan; the morale of those who have remained is low because they are disappointed [] The morale of North Korean and Chinese Communist troops is also low, and the desertion rate is high. []
3. In most east coast cities telephone service has been restored. Telephone wire [] is being collected and is being used to repair the communications net in Wonsan and areas on the east coast.
4. Hoeyang (CT 788841) (127-37, 38-42) is used for storing large quantities of supplies. The village has never been bombed although it has been used by the Communists since the beginning of the war. Four North Korean divisions and two Chinese Communist divisions were moving from Kowon (CU 4966) (127-15, 39-26) to Hoeyang []
5. [] the Chinese Communist troops along the east coast except in Wonsan were [] moving southwest and were being replaced by North Korean troops. A North Korean division arrived at Anbyon (127-32, 39-02) from Pyongyang []

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6.  a North Korean army inspection team was en route to Anbyon from Pyongyang. The team consists of 1 colonel, 2 lieutenant colonels, and 8 majors; their convoy is comprised of 2 jeeps, 5 trucks and 1 Soviet-type truck.

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